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VACANCIES IN DGFASLI
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts are lying vacant in Directorate General of Factory Advice Service and Labour Institute (DGFASLI);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by DGFASLI regardingworking conditions, health status of workers and other matter relating to industrial safety in the last three years; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): Posts in Government Departments, including the Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), fall vacant because of various reasons like retirements, promotions, transfer on deputation, deaths, resignation etc. Some posts are vacant in DGFASLI due to some of these reasons.Filling up of the vacant posts is a continuous and time consuming process because such recruitments are done through the Staff Selection Commission and the Union Public Service Commission. Necessary action for recruitment to fill the vacant posts has already been initiated.

(c) & d): During the last three years, DGFASLI commenced the work relating to six surveys/safety audits/studies on various aspects of safety, health and work. While the work relating to safety audit in 8 ports and study on assessment of capabilities and management of occupational safety and health in Kerala has been completed, the remaining four studies/surveys are under progress.

The safety audit reports containing specific recommendations relating to operation of some procedural practices, handling of storage and transportation of hazardous chemicals, necessity of maintaining all safety related equipments etc. have been sent to the concerned port authorities for implementation. The study relating to assessment of capabilities and management of occupational safety and health in Kerala revealed that many of the factories do not have proper work procedures and safe systems of work resulting in a number of accidents. The State Government ofKerala has already been requested by this Ministry to take further action on the recommendations contained in the study report.